information, there have been 2103 incidents of attack on security forces by militants in Jammu & Kashmir during the current year upto 31st October, 1993.

(b) 176 security forces personnel and 1074 militants were killed during the said period.

Inquiry into the incidents of violence

743. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any judicial/magisterial/executive/departmental inquiry was ordered into any incidents of major violence involving clashes between the security forces and militants/violent crowd, like Bij Bihare (October, 1993); Lal Chowk (April, 1993); Sopore (January, 1993) Handwara (1991-92) and Maulvi Farooq (May, 1990);

(b) if so, what have been the findings in the above-referred judicial/magisterial/executive/departmental inquires; and

(c) what consequential action, if any, has been taken on those findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details are given below:

(i) BIJBEHARA INCIDENT (OCTOBER 1993)

On receipt of report of the incident, the State Government ordered a magisterial enquiry; the BSF authorities have separately instituted a Staff Court of inquiry into the incident. The results of the inquiries are awaited. The National Human Rights Commission has also taken sun-motu cognisance of this incident and has called for a report from the Government.

(ii) LAL CHOWK INCIDENT (APRIL 1993)

Regarding this incident, a case has been registered in the Police Station Maisuma, which is under investigation.

An Inquiry by the Divsional Commissioner, Kashmir was also ordered.

Action will be taken as may be found necessary, upon the conclusion of these inquiries.

(iii) SOPORE INCIDENT (JANUARY 1993)

After occurrence of the incident, a Staff Court of Inquiry was ordered by the BSF authorities. Pending finalisation of the Inquiry, 10 BSF personnel prima facie found responsible for the lapses, including 2 Sub-Inspectors and one Commanding Officer were placed under suspension. A Police case was also registered, investigation of which was transferred in the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The State Government also constituted a Commission of Inquiry and Justice Amarjeet Singh Chaudhry, a serving Judge of the Punjab & Haryana High Court was appointed to conduct the Inquiry which is in progress.

(iv) HANDWARA INCIDENT (1991-92) Since no specific incident or indication of the date/period of occurence has been given it is not possible to provide any information.

(v) INCIDENT OF FIRING ON FUNERAL PROCESSION OF MAULVI FAROOQ.

A Police case was registered regarding the incident, which is under investigation.

The CRPF authorities had also conducted departmental enquiry proceedings against the personnel found prima facie responsible for lapses. 4 personnel including one Sub-Inspector, found guilty of lack of proper command and over-reaction, were punished departmentally. The punishments awarded included reduction in rank and stoppage of increment for periods upto 2 years with cumulative effect. Proceedings against one Assistant Commandant are in an advanced stage of progress.

744. [Transferred to 16th December, 1993]